Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara Works.—

The channel is not meant to derive its supply from the Krishnarajasagara. There is not enough supply in the Virajanadi from which the supply should be made.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

With reference to answer to (*h*), may I know if temporary cultivation can be permitted pending completion of the channel?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara Works.—

The question has not arisen so far. The whole project will be decided upon in a year or two and the question of extension of cultivation will also be decided in that connection.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Will it be possible to supply water to this channel in a year or two?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara Works.—

Yes.

Mr. G. Mallanna.—

The answer to question (*c*) shows that 7,844 acres can be cultivated under the channel and the answer to (*b*) shows that 1,792 acres can be cultivated under the abandoned portion of the channel. Do these figures imply that all the remaining extent should be left uncultivated?

Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara Works.—

Under the Agreement with the Madras Government, we cannot allow more cultivation.

MESSRS. M. SUBBAIYA (Seringapatam Municipality), S. DEVAIYA and SIVANANJEGOWDA (Seringapatam Taluk).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the scale of expenditure prescribed for the Sri Narayanaswami temple at Melkote?

(*b*) Out of the prescribed expenditure, what is the expenditure under (i) *Sthalavasada Akki*, (ii) *Paditharа Nithyakatle* and (iii) *Hetchukatle*?

(*c*) What are all the items of expenditure under *Padithara*?

(*d*) Under *Hetchukatle*, how much expenditure is fixed for *Vairamudi* and *Krishnarajamudi Utsavams*?

(*e*) Are cash payments being made out of this amount?

(*f*) If so, who are all those getting such cash payments?

(*g*) Why are cash payments being made?

(*h*) How many are getting *Sthalavasada Akki*?

(*i*) Of these, how many are residents in the place?

(*j*) Will necessary action be taken to stop the distribution among the non-residents?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—16. (*a*) Rs. 20,295 a year.

		Rs.	a.	p.
(*b*)	(i)	3,432	0	0
	(ii)	2,988	0	0
	(iii)	4,961	4	0

	Rs.	a.	p.	
(*c*) Daily Neivedya	116	12	0	
Abhisheka	8	8	0	
Deeparadhane	89	12	0	
Contingencies	9	0	0	
Varakatle and Nakshatrakatle	25	0	0	
	249	0	0	per month or
	2,988	0	0	per annum.
(*d*) Vairamudi	1,000	0	0	
Krishnarajamudi	2,000	0	0	

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Sri Parakalaswami Mutt; Rs. 737-7-0 for Samaradhane during the Utsavam.

(*g*) Four Acharyapurushas at Rs. 140-7-7 each or Rs. 561-14-4 in all, as honorarium for meeting feeding expenses, etc., to enable them to attend the Utsavam.

(*h*) 250 families represented at present by 208 individuals.

(*i*) 186.

(*j*) Will be considered.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

With reference to answer to (*b*) (i), may I know for how many years past the expenditure under *Sthalavasada Akki* is being incurred?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

I want notice.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

On what grounds is that grant based?

Dewan.—

The original grant is being continued.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

Is it paid from State Funds?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

It is paid both from State Funds and the income from the Inam grant. In fact, based on the total of the Inam grant from Government, the entire scale of expenditure of the temple has been fixed.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

Is the *Sthalavasada Akki* payable only to residents of the place or even to those who may be residing elsewhere?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

It is intended to be paid only to local residents. But some of them might be residing elsewhere temporarily. We cannot refuse to pay them for that reason. If they have permanently left the place and any such instances are brought to notice, they will be examined.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

Is it intended to be paid only to poor men or to well-to do persons also?

Financial Secretary to Government.—

That question may not arise in the case of Sannads granted several decades ago.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

Are the original grantees or their successors getting the grants themselves or is the benefit accruing to some others? And is the grant taken delivery of by these persons directly or through agents?

Second Member of Council.—

It is presumed that the grant is being made only to persons who are entitled to it. It is immaterial whether the grantees themselves receive it or through their agents.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

With reference to answer to (*f*), may I bring to the notice of Government that the Samaradhane is not being held, as for instance, on the occasion of the recent Vairamudi Utsavam?

Second Member of Council.—

I shall enquire into the matter.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

What is the purpose and nature of the grant made to the Acharyapurushas referred to in the answer to question (*g*)?

Second Member of Council.—

It is given as an honorarium, and the exact reasons for the grant cannot be given off-hand.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

Who, exactly, are the 4 Acharyapurushas referred to? Are they personally present at the Utsavams?

Second Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

When were the Sannads in respect of these grants granted and by whom?

Second Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

The grant for the Vairamudi is Rs. 1,000 and that for the Krishnarajamudi, Rs. 2,000. Are the Government

satisfied that these grants are made in proportion to the relative importance of the two Utsavams?

Second Member of Council.—

Relative importance is a matter of opinion. But I may say that the scales of these grants have often been examined by the Muzrai Commissioner and sometimes also revised.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

In view of the financial stringency with which the Government is faced at present, will the Government consider the desirability of discontinuing the grant in future?

Second Member of Council.—

The question will be considered with reference to the terms of the Sannad.

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

Many important wants of the residents of the place as well as of the pilgrims going there on important occasions have not been provided for want of funds. Cannot these grants be withheld and utilised for the provision of drinking water facilities, for instance?

Second Member of Council.—

Is not provision of drinking water a necessary duty of the municipality?

Mr. M. Subbaiya.—

The Municipality is very badly off, financially. If an amount equivalent to two years' grant is spent, it will be possible to provide adequate drinking water to all those that visit the place on all important occasions.

Second Member of Council.—

The suggestion will be noted.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa Gowda.—

Will the Government be pleased to appoint a committee of officials and non-officials to enquire into the extent to which the objects of the original grant are being fulfilled?

Second Member of Council.—

Government will see to it themselves.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa Gowda.—

Are the Government aware how many communities are holding *santarpanes* of their own, and if so, is the same kind of encouragement and help being given to such communities?

Second Member of Council.—

The member is apparently referring to grants made under Sannads granted long long ago. I do not think the question of fresh grants for such purposes will arise in these days.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

If grants like those under discussion are withdrawn, will it help the preservation of time-honoured institutions? And is it necessary or desirable to go counter to well-established *mamool*?

Second Member of Council.—

That is a hypothetical question.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

How many communities are profiting by the grant and can it not be put a stop to, considering that many a *mamool* has been given up in recent years?

Second Member of Council.—

I am not able at once to say which communities are getting the grant; it may be that only one community is getting it. It may or may not be possible to stop it according to the terms of the Sannads which have the force of law. The analogy of some other *mamools* having been put an end to may not hold in such cases.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Have not almost all the choultries known by the name of "Purnaiya's Choultries" been wound up now?

Second Member of Council.—

Annachattrams were a matter of gift at the pleasure of Government and nobody can enjoy the benefit of it as a matter of right.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

This grant is also a matter of gift by His Highness the

Maharaja. It can be discontinued and utilised otherwise for the benefit of the general public.

Second Member of Council.—

I am afraid I cannot agree to such an analogy.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Even now, will the Government be pleased to consider it as a suggestion from this Assembly?

Dewan.—

This is not the time for considering suggestions.

General Principles of the Municipal Bills for the Management of Municipal Affairs in (1) Cities, (2) Towns, and (3) Minor Municipalities—(*contd*).

With reference to Sub-Para (3) of Clause 24 relating to affording the municipal councils concerned, opportunity to show cause against confirmation, revision or modification of the Deputy Commissioner's orders suspending their resolutions, the SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL said that, as per the suggestions of some members, made in the course of the discussions the previous day, Government would have no objection to providing for due notice being given to the councils before taking any action.

Sub-Para (4).

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL explained as follows :—

Government Officers or other persons who take lawful action on behalf of or in default of municipal councils and enter into contracts, etc., are also afforded the same protection as is extended to municipal authorities.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA asked why any officer should take any action on behalf of the municipal council without consulting the council itself.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL said that while subordinate officials of the municipal councils had every reasonable protection, the officers acting on behalf of those councils had none.

MR. H. B. GUNDAPPA feared that if this provision was accepted, any and every officer having any kind of connection